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<b>REQUEST For CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Address to:  <b>BOX RCE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, DC 20231</b> (Revised 10/2001)	Application Number 09/678,997
	Filing Date October 4, 2000
	First Named Inventor: Bentley et al.
	Art Unit: 1637
	Examiner Name: T. Strzelecka
Attorney Docket No. 34848/194868	

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This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted  
i. ☒ Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 30, 2002

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on  
iii. ☐ Other

- b. ☐ Enclosed  
i. ☐ Amendment/Reply  
ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)  
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); of cites listed on PTO Form 1449  
iv. ☐ Other

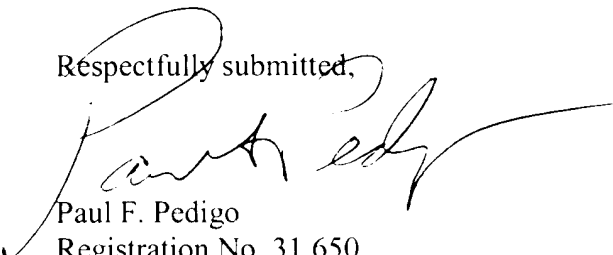
2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)  
b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
(\$740.00 large entity; \$370.00 small entity)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$740.00 (RCE fee) and \$920.00 (ext of time) enclosed

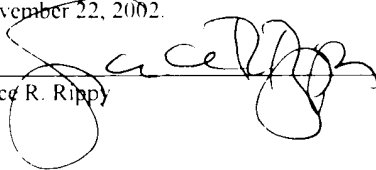
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